(4) 2981/2982 Udaipur-Delhi Chetak Express (tri-weekly)

(5) 2287/2288 Dehradun-Kochuveli Express (weekly)

(6) Agra Fort-Achhnera/Bharatpur DMU

In addition, Ministry of Railways have also approved introduction of 4705/4706 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Sadulpur Express (tri-weekly), two pairs of passenger trains between Phulera-Rewari and one pair between Phulera-Jaipur.

(b) and (c) New trains are introduced taking into account demands from the public representatives and various factors like availability of resources, operational feasibility, traffic justification, completion of gauge conversion works, new lines, development of requisite facilities etc.

Increase in crimes during railway journeys

†1379. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes are increasing during the railway journeys;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether measures adopted by Government to check the crimes during the railway journeys are sufficient;

(d) if not, whether Government is formulating a special scheme to check the crimes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not a fact that crime-has increased in all heads. Cases of drugging and theft of passengers' belongings have increased, whereas other cases have decreased during the year 2007 as compared to the year 2006. However, during the year 2008 (upto September) total crimes have decreased. Details of cases on various heads reported/ registered during the year 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 (upto September) are as under :-

Year	Murder	Rape	Dacoity	Robbery	Drugging	Theft of Passengers' belongings	Other Crimes
2005	232	37	126	325	509	10846	6983
2006	240	47	156	359	477	10103	6482
2007	217	29	111	305	649	10939	5923
2008	170	24	79	216	469	8591	4376

(c) Yes, Sir. "Policing" being a State subject, prevention, registration and investigation of IPC crimes like terrorist attacks, murder, dacoity, robbery etc. on Railways is the constitutional

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responsibility of the State Governments concerned which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP).

Railways is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force staff to escort trains for security of passengers. The following preventive measures are being taken for the security of passengers :-

1. Important and affected mail / express trains are being escorted along with GRP.
2. The train escorting parties are being briefed to remain extra vigilant in trains at the affected stations / sections.
3. Regular announcements are being made through Public Address System and use of loud hailers at the general coaches of the trains and during line bandobast to sensitize passengers to desist from purchasing / accepting eatables from unauthorized hawkers and unknown persons while travelling by train or at the platform.
4. Regular coordination meetings are being conducted with State Police and Government Railway Police to discuss crime trends and formulate effective strategies to contain crimes.
5. Ladies' compartments of sub-urban trains are normally being escorted by GRP. Special Squads comprising women TTEs and women RPF personnel are deployed in vulnerable sub-urban sections, especially during the non-peak hours when likelihood of commission of crime against women is more.
6. Regular drives are conducted by RPF against male passengers travelling in ladies compartments and the offenders detected are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railways Act.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Doubling of rail lines in Kerala

1380.PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of doubling of railway lines in Kerala;

(b) the funds allocated to Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam line; and

(c) the time by when the above doubling would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Details of the ongoing doubling works in the State of Kerala including outlay provided during 2008-09 are given as under:-

(Rupees in Crore)

S. No.	Name of Project	Year of inclusion	Cost	Outlay provided during 2008-09	Expenditure upto March, 2008
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Shoranur-Kuttipuram-Calicut doubling (86 kms)	1994-95	219.91	3	182.92